

Washington, DC – U.S. Congressmen Ciro D. Rodriguez and Henry Cuellar announced \$14 million in funding Monday for the installation of a Checked Baggage Inspection System at Terminal A of the San Antonio International Airport.

The system is funded through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, also known as the “Stimulus” bill, passed by Congress earlier this year. The project involves design and construction modifications to the new Terminal’s baggage handling system to incorporate an Explosive Detection System into the current inspection process for automated in-line baggage screening solution.

“The San Antonio International Airport is a principal entry point for our city,” said Congressman Rodriguez. “This stimulus funding will supplement the progressive and forward-thinking commitment that city leaders have made to the airport expansion and make San Antonio a more marketable and visited community.”

“These stimulus dollars will expand our capabilities on the ground to make our skies safer,” said Congressman Cuellar. “San Antonio International Airport moved over eight million passengers last year. This is another example of how stimulus dollars are benefiting the people of Texas, and investing in our security has an immeasurable return.”

Congressman Rodriguez and Cuellar voted for the “Stimulus” bill, which has since provided more than \$7.2 billion in grants for transit improvements nationwide. Over \$12 billion has been approved in stimulus grants and contracts for the state of Texas in addition to an estimated \$4 billion in tax cuts for working Texans through 2010.

□ To learn more about the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, please visit: www.recovery.gov

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